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HUNNINGDON - 1850-1875 - 16129 York Road, east side, between Indian Spring Court and Corbett Road, Sparks vicinity. Brick house of three stories, including Mansard level. Victorian style, five bays wide, central entrance, no porch. Long back building in brick with gable roof. House is missing from three atlases, but was long in the Mays family, probably the "improvements" charged to John P. Mays in 1876 tax ledger and to George A. Mays in 1896, when the dwelling was worth \$1500. The 1918 tax ledger showed John P. Meays (sic) with a dwelling 55 x 16 and 26 x 22, worth \$3563. I.L. Webb, per "House Numbers".

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Philopolls, 8th District.—I can but notice the interest taken, the judgment displayed and the improvements made by many of our successful farmers, and as I have written respecting the judgment, energy and prosperity of the district I deem it best not to overlook my personal friend, Mr. John P. Mays, who for many years was a resident of the 7th district, living between Hereford and Wiseburg, where he owns a large and highly cultivated farm, and upon which he so successfully conducted the milk business. Mr. Mays left that farm and its interests to the care of his son, Albert, and removed about a year ago with his son Charles, to the 8th district, above the 19-mile stone on the York pike, where he owns a farm of 190 acres of naturally good soil, having purchased the same a few years ago from Mr. Richard Merryman. The farm already shows a decided improvement, and now will produce crops equal to those of his enterprising neighbors. The buildings are attractive and conveniently built. The dwelling house, which is nearly three-stories high, with Mansard roof, built of brick, with two-story brick back-building; the large bank barn is conveniently arranged, well lighted, and has stabling for 10 horses and 35 cows. There is also a large corn house and wagon shed combined, also a convenient and improved hog house and granary for the storage of grain and feeding of swine. The dairy is conveniently situated and admirably arranged, and over the dairy is a large work-shop and tool-house. The buildings and fences are all in first-class condition, and everything on the place has a neat appearance. Improved machinery and implements are deemed necessary, and about 20 head of Alderney and Ayrshire cattle can be seen, with the necessary driving and work horses and mules. Mr. Mays thinks he will engage again in the milk business, and ship from Glencoe. My friend Mays should feel proud of the result of his labors and accept the praise he is so justly entitled to. I have but imperfectly described his home, and whilst I have more to say and might speak of his gentle manners, friendship, wisdom and generous hospitality, I no doubt would also fall far short of what he deserves. His interest in agriculture has made him one of the directors of Baltimore county Agricultural Society, and his well-informed mind has made him a prominent member of Glencoe Grange. His companionship causes one to be cheerful, thoughtful and active, and especially tends to promote the interests of the grange. He has had the pleasure of four grown children and now has added joy in the sight of fifteen grandchildren.

Glencoe Grange held a meeting on the 1st inst., consisting of the usual routine business and readings. Mrs. Ella Scott, Mrs. J. Baker and